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REAL ESTATE AGENT, CONVEYANCER AND NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICE: No. 37 GOVERNMENT STREET.

MONEY to lend on Freehold Security at Current Rates
RENTS AND INTEREST punctually collected and accounted for.
CONVEYANCES, Leases, Mortgages prepared and transactions of every nature in connection with Real Estate expeditiously carried out.
PROPERTY SALES effected strictly on Commission.

FOR SALE, Mansion and Ornamental Grounds, with sea view and frontage to the Straits. Ample stabling and all modern conveniences. This is one of the handiest and most beautiful situations in Victoria. PRICE, \$30,000.
FOR SALE, 60 acres, more or less, of Suburban Land, within 15 minutes drive by Electric Car, from Government Street. PRICE, \$25 PER ACRE. This estate offers good opportunity for subdivision into lots. Acreage in the vicinity is selling at from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per acre. Lots of average size, 60x120 each, selling from \$400 upwards. One of the few bargains left.
FOR SALE, Suburban Sea-side Estate, about 35 acres, with house, garden, orchard, stabling and all conveniences for a gentleman's residence, within easy distance of town, say 20 minutes' drive from the Post Office. Rapidly increasing neighborhood. Land near has sold lately for \$2,000 per acre. PRICE, \$35,000.
FOR SALE, Block on Government Street, in the vicinity of New Hotel. This property will increase from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. in value within the next two years. Good buildings on the property which may be made to return a fair present interest on outlay. Contemplated improvements to James Bay will also raise values in this vicinity. PRICE, \$45,000.
FOR SALE, Corner lot on Government Street. First class Business property. A building on this property would pay handsomely. PRICE, \$50,000.
FOR SALE, Business Building Lot on Government Street, near Bank of British Columbia. Let at present for \$800 per annum. Frontage, 22 1/2 feet. Land in the vicinity held at \$1,000 per foot. PRICE, \$15,000.

FOR SALE.

8-Room House and Lots, Spring Ridge..... \$ 2,500
 Double Frontage, Superior and Michigan Streets, James Bay, 30 feet on both streets, by more than town lot depth. Superior Building sites..... 1,500
 7-Room House, new. Bath, hot and cold water, inside closets and modern improvement. Lot 50x120, James Bay..... 3,600
 Corner Lot, Menzies and Niagara Streets..... 1,100
 Esquimalt Road, desirable acre..... 3,500
 Cheap Lot, Cloverdale Estate..... 850
 Lot, Niagara and cross Street..... 900
 Lot, Niagara Street..... 800
 2 Lots, South Turner Street..... each 800
 Building Lot, Kingston Street..... 1,150
 13 Building Lots, on bloc, James Bay..... 10,400
 2 Lots, Johnson Street, commanding position..... 2,100
 6-Room House, bath, pantry, etc., etc., Victoria West..... 3,000
 6 Acres, with water frontage to the Gorge. Beautiful site for a handsome residence..... 12,000
 2 Lots, 60x240, double frontage, near the Mills and Factories..... 2,500
 Corner Lot and a half, Quadra and Fisgard. Valuable cottage site..... 4,200
 Acre Lot, Oak Bay Avenue and Richmond Road. Cheap. Will cut into 7 lots..... 2,000
Farm Lands in Lake, Saanich and Suburban Victoria Districts.
 Frontage on Cowichan Lake. Lands on Denman Island.
 Frontage on Burrard Inlet suitable for Mills and Wharves. And
 Acres on the North Arm of Burrard Inlet, etc., etc.

For Further Particulars, Prices, Etc.,

—APPLY AT—

37 GOVERNMENT STREET CORNER OF BROUGHTON.

A REASONABLE OFFER.

San Francisco Present the Lowest Tender for the Wrapping Work—Other Council Features.

Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, was an interested and honored guest at the adjourned meeting of the city council last Thursday, at which Mayor Grant presided and all members but Ald. Robertson were present. The sewerage commissioners, Messrs. Earle, Turner and Teague, also took seats about the board. The council plunged into business as soon as called together, a motion being introduced to the effect that the sewerage tenders be now opened. After a short and unimportant debate, this resolution was adopted, and Hon. Mr. Turner and Mr. Earle took seats beside the clerk to assist him in the opening of the tenders. The tenders, with guarantee checks accompanying, were then announced as follows:

H. P. Keefe—\$240,117.40; check, \$18,000.
 H. H. McDonald—\$201,667.79; check, \$17,000.
 J. H. Smith—\$168,428.93; check, \$20,000.
 A. McLean & Co.—\$267,770.44; check, \$15,000.
 D. McGilvray—\$320,228.92; check, \$21,000.
 J. H. Smith—\$201,667.79; check, \$20,000.

Mr. Keefe accompanied his tender with a note explaining that he has figured on purchasing all goods and material at local prices from local firms.

Ald. Vigilius moved the acceptance of the tender of A. McLean & Co., of San Francisco, it being much the lowest. He would explain, however, if the specifications stipulated that no Chinese be employed on the streets.

Ald. Harrison—That's been looked after.
 Ald. McKillop seconded the motion to adopt the tender of the San Francisco firm.

Ald. Harrison moved in amendment that the tenders be referred to the Sewerage committee and commissioners, with power to act, and with power for them to also engage the assistance of a duly created engineer.

This amendment was adopted, the Sewerage commissioners promising to lose no delay in awarding the contract to the lowest bidder. It is understood that the name of the successful tenderer will be formally announced this (Friday) evening.

FORTY FOOT STREETS.
 Ald. Harrison moved the second reading of the amendment to the Streets by-law, to authorize the taking over by the city of certain 40 foot streets, and registered prior to October 12, 1887, and forty feet in width for their entire length. No further opposition was offered, and the amended by-law was adopted.

This by-law amending the Sewerage Commissioners' Appointments will provide for the issuing of checks, passed without discussion.

Street committee—containing several recommendations. Not received in account of its advising the use by the Street committee of certain black rock set aside for the use of the park.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.
 From the City Health officer as follows: Victoria, Dec. 17, 1890.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Aldermen.
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., and in reply to inform you that the bodies of several Chinese, who had been buried in the cemetery, and who had been exhumed and taken to the city, were found to be in a state of decomposition, and were accordingly re-buried in the cemetery.

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is given to local boards of health in the other provinces of the Dominion.

It is well that it should be, as the boards can more readily deal with the question, and can determine the time in which the bodies may be exhumed and carry out the necessary precautions in the way of disinfection, etc., which may be required in the interest of public health.

I would, therefore, in view of the law as it stands at present, suggest that the Corporation of Victoria ask at the next meeting of the Council for an amendment to the Public Health Act, giving the City authorities power to exhumate the bodies which we have been considering.

I remain Yours Respectfully,
 G. J. Mudge, M.B.
 Health Officer.

Ald. Wilson—There's nothing at all in that.
 Ald. Smith moved the reception and adoption of the report.

Ald. McKillop remarked that a copy should be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary, the government would be able to do more than the council could.

The suggestion was incorporated in Ald. Smith's motion, which carried.

OTHER BUSINESS.
 Ald. Wilson moved that the control of Catherine street and Dallas road be vested in the Park Commissioners; he took this action in order to prevent the former thoroughfare being cut up by the tramway or the latter being littered with refuse.

The motion stood as a notice until next meeting.

Ald. Wilson next moved that the building inspector be instructed to carry out the provisions of the Building by-law to the letter. A lively debate ensued, and Ald. Smith finally took a point of order on the motion, and it stood as a notice also.

Mayor Oppenheimer, president of the B. C. Exhibit Association, wrote to request a donation in aid of the association's funds. The matter was referred to the incoming council for favorable consideration.

A disputed account of the Albion Iron Works was presented by Ald. Smith, and after the facts connected with it had been explained, was referred to the water commissioners for adjustment under the terms of contract.

The council then rose.

RACING FOR LIFE.
 A Retriever and an Alligator Swim Tandem Across a River.

"On a hot, sultry day," said the Colonel to a New York World man, "and within a few miles of Jacksonville, on a small tributary to the St. John's river, occurred one of the most sensational races for life and prey that have come under my notice."

"A party of gentlemen left Jacksonville last July on a sporting expedition, taking with them several valuable, well-trained dogs. The owner of a splendid retriever shot at and wounded a duck on the northern bank of the stream, which was about eighty yards wide. The wounded duck fell into a jungle on the opposite side and the dog, went after, but could not find it. The dog had only left the further bank of his return, when he saw the snout of an alligator rise above the water. The seaman gave chase, while the gentlemen called the dog."

The animal seemed to realize his peril and yelped while the alligator forged ahead. The owner of the party, a sportsman, and the dog swam his best. The alligator did not dip one moment, but kept his eyes fastened upon the form of the dog. Not an inch seemed to be gained or lost by either. The race was matchless. The alligator attempted several sprints, making the water rush by in a snowy foam, and the dog, evidently equal to the emergency, would lay his ears back and speed along with astonishing swiftness.

"The middle of the stream was reached, and the distance between pursuer and pursued seemed the same. The sportsman began to fear that the dog would give out before they could reach an effective shot at the alligator. Under the circumstances they could not fire for fear of killing the dog; besides, having only duck shot instead of ball, their chances of inflicting any damage upon the reptile were few.

The dog swam anxiously, excitedly, fixing his eyes upon the group of mud and the low shore. Only about thirty yards more, and if all went well the dog would be safe. The alligator changed his tactics. He did dip his snout slightly under the water, and in a wriggle would make a astonishing leap, but did not seem to decrease the distance. After each spurt the alligator seemed to lose a little ground, but very little. At fifteen yards from the bank the size of the monster could be estimated. He was more than three yards in length. Every atom of energy was exercised by both. Cries rang out by the men. The excitement began to intensify—the alligator was gaining. The brute did not notice the anxious spectators on the shore. Suddenly a report was heard. It was a shot at the alligator from a fowling-piece. Headless of the noise, the contestants in the race kept on. Only a few feet and the dog would be a victim!

"In vain did the retriever try to lengthen the distance, to no purpose. The alligator was now gaining inch by inch. The dog was becoming inspired, possibly with too much fear, for he made several piteous yelping appeals for help. Seven yards nearer the bank, seven yards from the goal of hope and life for the dog, and still the race was going on with grim determination. Every hunter had his fowling-piece ready to discharge at the alligator as soon as he could do so with safety. The dog touched the sloping, water-covered bank of the stream, and, with a wild cry of delight from the sportsmen and a yelp of joy from the dog, he soon was bounding on the shore. The determination of the alligator was so great that he stranded on the bank, but he rested there only for a moment. Several charges of shot were poured into him in a volley. He turned quickly and, with a spring, lashed the deeper water and dived into the depths of the stream."

A Successful Station.
 The medical mission of Bart's Rock Road, in the morning constellation, has been in a very successful. No other remedy possesses such a powerful power over this disease.

The first, but with confidence, and one of the B. B. B. cured me, would not be without it.

Mrs. Wm. Finley, Jr., of Bobbyson, Ont.